

mandates as defined by the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995.

Finally, the proposal does not contain any collection of information requirements, requiring review under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

List of Subjects in 49 CFR Part 10:

Penalties, Privacy.

Accordingly, DOT proposes to amend 49 CFR part 10 as follows:

PART 10—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation to part 10 would remain as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 552a; 49 U.S.C. 322.

2. Part II.A of the appendix to part 10 would be amended by adding a new paragraph 15, to read as follows:

Appendix to Part 10—Exemptions

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Part II. Specific exemptions.

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15. Marine Safety Information System, maintained by the Operations Systems Center, U.S. Coast Guard (DOT/CG 588). The purpose of this exemption is to prevent persons who are the subjects of criminal investigations from learning too early in the investigative process that they are subjects, what information there is in Coast Guard files that indicates that they may have committed unlawful conduct, and who provided such information.

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Rodney E. Slater,

Secretary of Transportation.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

49 CFR Parts 171, 172 and 175

[Docket HM-224A; Notice No. 97-15]

RIN 2137-AC92

Hazardous Materials: Prohibition of Oxidizers Aboard Aircraft; Notice of Public Meeting and Reopening of Comment Period

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), DOT.

ACTION: Proposed rules; public meeting and reopening of comment period.

SUMMARY: RSPA is inviting additional comments concerning proposals to prohibit the transportation of oxidizers in passenger-carrying aircraft and in

inaccessible locations on cargo aircraft, as issued by RSPA in a notice of proposed rulemaking on December 30, 1996, and a supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking on August 20, 1997. RSPA and FAA will hold a public meeting on January 14, 1998, in Washington, DC. In addition, RSPA is reopening the comment period for Docket HM-224A until February 13, 1998.

DATES: *Comments.* Comments must be received by February 13, 1998.

Public meeting The public meeting will be held on January 14, 1998 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

ADDRESSES: *Comments.* Address comments to the Dockets Unit, Research and Special Programs Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, room 8421, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20590-0001. Comments should identify the docket number and be submitted in five copies. Persons wishing to receive confirmation of receipt of their comments should include a self-addressed, stamped postcard. Comments may also be submitted by e-mail to the following address: rules@rspa.dot.gov. The Dockets Unit is located in the Department of Transportation headquarters building (Nassif Building) at the above address on the eighth floor. Public dockets may be reviewed there between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Public meeting The public meeting will be held at the Federal Aviation Administration Auditorium, Third floor, 800 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20591. Any person planning to present a statement at the public meeting should notify Diane LaValle, by telephone or by e-mail before January 9, 1998. Oral statements should be limited to 10 minutes in length.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Diane LaValle or John Gale, Office of Hazardous Materials Standards, (202) 366-8553, Research and Special Programs Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590-0001. E-mail address: rules@rspa.dot.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 30, 1996, RSPA published a notice of proposed rulemaking in the **Federal Register** [61 FR 68955] which proposed to amend the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR; 49 CFR parts 171-180) to prohibit the carriage of oxidizers, including compressed oxygen, in passenger-carrying aircraft and in inaccessible locations on cargo aircraft. The December 30, 1996 notice

of proposed rulemaking analyzed Class D cargo compartments. On August 20, 1997 a supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking was published in the **Federal Register** [62 FR 44374] which specifically analyzed the prohibition of oxidizers in other than Class D cargo compartments.

Nine associations requested that RSPA schedule a public meeting to more fully explore issues relating to the necessity and effect of the proposed ban on transportation of oxidizers aboard aircraft. RSPA believes the request has merit and will hold a public meeting on January 14, 1998 to provide an opportunity for oral comment on the proposed action. RSPA is also reopening the comment period to provide additional time for submission of written comments.

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Alan I. Roberts,

Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

49 CFR Part 571

[Docket No. NHTSA-97-3148]

RIN 2127-AC62

Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Fuel System Integrity; Crossover Lines

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Termination of rulemaking.

SUMMARY: This document terminates a rulemaking in which the agency had considered amending Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 301, *Fuel System Integrity*, to limit fuel spillage experienced by vehicles equipped with a crossover fuel line. Upon reviewing the comments on its proposal, the agency concludes that the safety benefits of the proposed amendment are too small to justify its issuance.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: *For technical issues:* Dr. William J.J. Liu, Office of Crashworthiness Standards, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C., 20590. Telephone: (202) 366-4923. FAX (202) 366-4329.